

Independent Police Review Authority

Quarterly Report

January 1, 2009 – March 31, 2009

April 15, 2009

This report is filed pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2-57-110, which requires the filing of quarterly reports. This quarterly report provides information for the period January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. The information contained in this report is accurate as of March 31, 2009.

Quarterly Overview

In the past quarter IPRA closed 687 pending investigations. This is the fourth quarter in a row where IPRA has been able to close, on average, more than 220 cases per month.

IPRA retained 657 matters for investigation. This was fewer investigations than were retained in the two preceding quarters, but more retained than a year earlier. The net result is that IPRA closed 30 more investigation than it opened. IPRA's caseload of open investigations therefore decreased to 1532.

During this quarter, pursuant to the ordinance, IPRA referred 1727 investigations to the Internal Affairs Division of the Chicago Police Department for resolution.

IPRA Cumulative Figures

	INTAKE (all allegations/ notifications ¹)	IPRA Investigations Opened	IPRA Investigations Closed	IPRA Caseload
Sept. 2007	746	216	162	1290
4Q 2007	2273	613	368	1535
1Q 2008	2366	590	554	1571
2 Q 2008	2436	640	670	1541
3Q 2008	2634	681	667	1555
4Q 2008	2337	699	692	1562
1Q 2009	2384	657	687	1532
TOTALS	15176	4096	3800	

¹ Pursuant to the IPRA Ordinance, certain events trigger an IPRA investigation even in the absence of an allegation of misconduct. The term "notification" refers to those events that IPRA investigates where there is no alleged misconduct.

Examining the cumulative figures for the past 19 months in the chart above reveals several trends. There is a marked increase in investigations completed compared to First Quarter 2008. This is a result of a number of successful efforts IPRA undertook in the past year. IPRA effectively used limited resources to increase office efficiency. Newly-hired investigators were able to assume increased responsibility for investigations, while continuing their training. IPRA investigators and staff continued working overtime to complete additional investigations. Notably, compared to the two middle quarters of 2008, IPRA had much more limited use of outside experts working alongside our investigators and assisting with completing investigations, yet was able to maintain the high level of completed investigations.

IPRA remains committed to completing investigations in a timely manner. The goal in the ordinance creating IPRA to complete investigations in six months can be reached, for all but exceptional cases, when IPRA is fully staffed with trained investigators. During this quarter, IPRA completed approximately 65% of the investigations started six months earlier within those six months.

During this quarter, IPRA investigative staff continued receiving training. IPRA continued in this quarter to meet with elected officials, community residents, community based organizations, and faith based institutions to explain IPRA's new process and new mandate, as well as to open lines of communication.

2-57-110(1): The number of investigations initiated since the last report

Between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009, IPRA issued 2384 Log Numbers. Of these Log Numbers, IPRA retained 657 for resolution. IPRA forwarded the remaining 1727 Log Numbers to the Internal Affairs Division of the Chicago Police Department for appropriate resolution.

Of the 657 Log Numbers retained by IPRA, IPRA classified 195 as Complaint Register Numbers. In addition, IPRA began Pre-affidavit Investigations for 358 of the Log Numbers retained by IPRA. The remainder of the retained Log Numbers consisted of 9 Log Numbers for shootings where an individual was hit by a bullet and a "U Number" was issued², 9 for shootings where no one was hit by a bullet, 25 for shots fired at

² This includes three shootings that are also classified with a Complaint Register number. These shootings are counted only once in the overall number of Log Numbers retained by IPRA, but included in the breakouts of both the Complaint Register Numbers and U Numbers.

animals, 39 for reported uses of tasers, 14 for reported uses of pepper spray,³ 11 for Extraordinary Occurrences,⁴ and 1 for notification of the use of a less lethal weapon.

2-57-110(2): The number of investigations concluded since the last report

Since January 1, 2009, IPRA closed 687 Log Numbers. A Log Number is considered closed when IPRA completes its work on the matter, regardless of whether the Police Department is still processing the results.

2-57-110(3): The number of investigations pending as of the report date

As of March 31, 2009, there were 1532 investigations pending completion by IPRA. These include both allegations that have received Complaint Register Numbers, and those being followed under a Log Number, as well as shootings, and Extraordinary Occurrences.

2-57-110(4): The number of complaints not sustained since the last report⁵

Between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009, IPRA recommended that 209 investigations be closed as “not sustained.”

In addition, 296 cases were closed after a Pre-affidavit Investigation because the complainants refused to sign an affidavit. IPRA recommended that 66 investigations be closed as “unfounded,” and 9 be closed as “exonerated.”

2-57-110(5): The number of complaints sustained since the last report

Between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009, IPRA recommended that 5 cases be closed as sustained.

³ As of December 31, 2007, IPRA issued a Log Number for notifications of uses of taser, pepper spray, or for shootings where no one is injured only if it received a telephonic notification of the incident or there was an allegation of misconduct. As of January 1, 2008, IPRA implemented procedures to issue Log Numbers for all uses of taser and shootings, regardless of the method of notification. In addition CPD issued a reminder to CPD personnel to provide notification to IPRA.

⁴ This includes one Extraordinary Occurrence that is also classified with a Complaint Register number. This Extraordinary Occurrence is counted only once in the overall number of Log Numbers retained by IPRA, but included in the breakouts of both the Complaint Register Numbers and Extraordinary Occurrence numbers.

⁵ The term “not sustained” is a term of art in police misconduct investigations. It is defined in CPD G.O. 93-3 as “when there is insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove allegation.” In addition, cases may be “unfounded,” which means “the allegation is false or not factual.”

2-57-110(6): The number of complaints filed in each district since the last report⁶

Between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009, IPRA received complaints of alleged misconduct based on incidents in the following districts, as follows:

District 01 = 84	District 08 = 140	District 14 = 62	District 20 = 39
District 02 = 85	District 09 = 103	District 15 = 91	District 21 = 43
District 03 = 114	District 10 = 92	District 16 = 59	District 22 = 95
District 04 = 133	District 11 = 133	District 17 = 57	District 23 = 47
District 05 = 100	District 12 = 66	District 18 = 75	District 24 = 79
District 06 = 128	District 13 = 41	District 19 = 43	District 25 = 103
District 07 = 99			

Outside City Limits = 42 Unknown location = 41

2-57-110(7): The number of complaints filed against each officer in each district since the last report⁷

(See Attachment)

2-57-110(8): The number of complaints referred to other agencies and the identity of such other agencies

Between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009, IPRA referred 1742 cases to other agencies as follows:

Chicago Police Department – Internal Affairs Division = 1727

Cook County State’s Attorney = 15

⁶ “Complaints” is defined as all reports of alleged misconduct, whether from the community or from a source internal to the Police Department, whether a Complaint Register number has been issued or not. This does not include, absent an allegation of misconduct, reports of uses of Tasers, pepper spray, discharges of weapons whether hitting an individual or not, or Extraordinary Occurrences. Districts are identified based on the district where the alleged misconduct occurred. Some complaints occurred in more than one District, they are counted in each district where they occurred. This list does include confidential complaints.

⁷ This uses the same definition of “complaints” as the preceding section. Except as otherwise noted, if a member was assigned to one unit but detailed to another at the time of the complaint, the member is listed under the detailed unit.

ATTACHMENT: COMPLAINTS AGAINST CPD MEMBERS BY UNIT

District 001

Members 1-23: 1 complaint each
Members 24-26: 2 complaints each
Member 27: 3 complaints

District 002

Members 1-16: 1 complaint each
Members 17-20: 2 complaints each

District 003

Members 1-47: 1 complaint each
Members 48-52: 2 complaints each
Member 53: 4 complaints

District 004

Members 1-28: 1 complaint each
Members 29-31: 2 complaints each
Members 32-33: 3 complaints each

District 005

Members 1-26: 1 complaint each
Member 27: 2 complaints
Members 28-29: 4 complaints each

District 006

Members 1-30: 1 complaint each
Members 31-34: 2 complaints each
Member 35: 3 complaints
Member 36: 4 complaints

District 007

Members 1-22: 1 complaint each
Members 23-24: 2 complaints each

District 008

Members 1-21: 1 complaint each
Members 22-27: 2 complaints each

District 009

Members 1-44: 1 complaint each

District 010

Members 1-22: 1 complaint each
Members 23-24: 2 complaints each

District 011

Members 1-28: 1 complaint each
Member 29: 2 complaints

District 012

Members 1-28: 1 complaint each
Member 29: 2 complaints

District 013

Members 1-16: 1 complaint each
Members 17-19: 2 complaints each

District 014

Members 1-19: 1 complaint each
Member 20: 2 complaints

District 015

Members 1-20: 1 complaint each
Members 21-22: 2 complaints each
Member 23: 3 complaints
Member 24: 5 complaints

District 016

Members 1-10: 1 complaint each

District 017

Members 1-23: 1 complaint each

District 018

Members 1-27: 1 complaint each
Members 28-30: 2 complaints each
Member 31: 3 complaints

District 019

Members 1-21: 1 complaint each

Member 22: 2 complaints

District 020

Members 1-13: 1 complaint each

Members 14-15: 2 complaints each

Member 16: 3 complaints

District 021

Members 1-21: 1 complaint each

Members 22-23: 2 complaints each

District 022

Members 1-23: 1 complaint each

Members 24-25: 2 complaints each

District 023

Members 1-17: 1 complaint each

Member 18: 2 complaints

Member 19: 7 complaints

District 024

Members 1-16: 1 complaint each

Members 17-18: 2 complaints each

Member 19: 3 complaints

District 025

Members 1-20: 1 complaint each

Member 21: 2 complaints

Recruit Training (044)¹

Members 1-11: 1 complaint each

Traffic Section – Detail Unit (57)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Marine Unit (59)

Member 1: 2 complaints

Special Investigations Unit (79)

Member 1: 2 complaints

Departmental Administration (111)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Member 2: 2 complaints

CAPS Project Office (115)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Deployment Operations Center (116)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Finance Division (121)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Office of the Assistant Superintendent – Operations (139)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Special Functions Group (141)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Bureau of Patrol – Administration (142)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Traffic Enforcement Unit (151)

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Member 8: 2 complaints

Member 9: 4 complaints

Loop Traffic Unit (152)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Members 3-4: 2 complaints each

Mobile Strike Force (153)

Members 1-28: 1 complaint each

Members 29-32: 2 complaints each

Field Services Section (166)

Members 1-11: 1 complaint each

¹ These numbers include CPD members who are detailed to a District as part of their training, but are officially still assigned to Recruit Training.

**Evidence and Recovered Property
Section (167)**

Member 1: 1 complaint

**Police Document Services Section
(169)**

Member 1: 1 complaint

Central Detention Section (171)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Narcotics & Gang Investigation (189)

Members 1-34: 1 complaint each

Members 35-37: 2 complaints each

Member 38: 4 complaints

Member 39-40: 5 complaints each

Intelligence Section (191)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Members 3: 2 complaints

Vice Control Section (192)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Gang Intelligence Unit (193)

Members 1-17: 1 complaint each

Members 18-19: 2 complaints each

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 1
(211)**

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Member 8: 3 complaints

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 2
(212)**

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 3
(213)**

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 4
(214)**

Members 1-11: 1 complaint each

Member 12: 2 complaints

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 5
(215)**

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

Member 7: 2 complaints

Member 8: 3 complaints

**Deputy Chief, Central Control Group
(216)**

Members 1-3: 1 complaint each

Targeted Response Unit (253)

Members 1-28: 1 complaint each

Members 29-35: 2 complaints each

Member 36: 3 complaints

OEMC Detail (276)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Gang Team Area 1 (311)

Members 1-17: 1 complaint each

Members 18-20: 2 complaints each

Gang Team Area 2 (312)

Members 1-16: 1 complaint each

Member 17: 2 complaints

Gang Team Area 3 (313)

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Gang Team Area 4 (314)

Members 1-21: 1 complaint each

Members 22-31: 2 complaints each

Members 32-33: 3 complaints each

Gang Team Area 5 (315)

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

Member 7: 2 complaints

Alt. Response Section (376)

Members 1-24: 1 complaint each

Members 25-26: 2 complaints each

Member 27: 3 complaints

Juvenile Intr Supt Center (384)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Gang Enforcement Section (393)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Evidence Technician Team – South (477)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Detached Services (543)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Bomb and Arson Section (603)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Central Investigations Detail (606)

Members 1-4: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 1 (610)

Members 1-8: 1 complaint each

Member 9: 2 complaints

Detective Division, Area 2 (620)

Members 1-9: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 3 (630)

Members 1-9: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 4 (640)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 5 (650)

Members 1-8: 1 complaint each

Public Transportation Section (701)

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

Member 7: 2 complaints